Lt. Governor John Garamendi's Statement Wishing Californians a Happy Chanukah

SACRAMENTO – Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi issued the following statement on the first day of Chanukah, the Jewish holiday that started at sun down on Sunday night and will end at sun down on December 29.

"In these tough economic times, Chanukah is a time to be with family and friends. It is a time to think about the Jewish value and practice of tzedakah which means righteousness and giving. There are so many Californians without work or a home who need food, clothing and other donations," Lieutenant John Garamendi said. "I agree with Jewish leaders around the state of California encouraging families to limit their gift giving during the Festival of Lights and create new ways to make the eight nights special."